

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 5th day of December 1996.

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Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Baker v. Reich

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection of the Reporting Requirements for Baker v. Reich, ETA 563a.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 24, 1997. Written comments should evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection

techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

ADDRESSES: Russell T. Kile, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-219-5555 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This information is needed in order to comply with a Federal Court Order issued on September 9, 1996, regarding individual eligibility determinations for Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits under the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) program. The data to be collected comply with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia's preliminary approval of, pending a final hearing, a settlement of *Baker v. Reich* between the Department of Labor and the United Auto Workers Union (UAW). The Court Order requires the Department to report to the UAW on the States' implementation of the settlement and beginning with the quarterly reporting period ending December 31, 1996, the States will provide the Department with quarterly written reports by petition number on: the number of people requesting determination of entitlement; the number of people determined entitled to benefits; and the number of people receiving TRA first payments under this settlement. The States are required to continue to report the data on a quarterly basis for five more quarters.

II. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval under [the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A))] for an extension of collection of information currently approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0372. There is a reduction of 40 burden hours from the previously approved data collection, because the one-time interim report on the implementation of the settlement, also approved under OMB Control No. 1205-0372, is no longer required.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Reporting requirements pursuant to *Baker v. Reich*.

OMB Number: 1205-0372.

Frequency: Quarterly report for six quarters.

Affected Public: State or local government.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 minutes per NAFTA-TAA petition.

Total Burden Hours: 168.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): None.

Total Estimated Cost: \$800.

Total Burden Hours: 40.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

Acting Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance

ACTION: Notice.

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